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Figures 4 and 5 show another specific embodiment of the fastening element, namely that

additional elements with a fastening function are arranged thereon.

The Applicant maintains the common feature and one of the important and distinguishing

features of the invention is the vertical orientation of the flat connecting bridges (2, 2a) or the

metal sheets (2, 2a), respectively, parallel to the axis of the first brushings 3. Further, the

fastening element is constructed in that the brushings are introduced into the holes of a flange of

a container and the connecting bridges make an accurate and close fitting at the lower edge of the

flange. Therefore, the restriction requirement as between the different species shown in the

Figures should be removed.

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete response to the Office Communication

mailed September 19, 2005. If there are any issues which can be resolved by telephone

conference or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned

attorney at (404) 853-8081.

No additional fees are believed to be due, however, the Commissioner is hereby

authorized to charge any additional fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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Respectfully submitted.

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